

281—60.1(280) Definitions. As used in these rules, the following definitions apply:

“*Bilingual instruction*” refers to a program of instruction in English and the native language of the student designed to enable students to become proficient in English and in academic content areas at an age- and grade-appropriate level.

“*Educational and instructional model*” means an instructional model, strategy, method, or skill that provides a framework of instructional approaches to guide decision making about teaching and learning. Based on the needs of particular students, “educational and instructional model” may include a specific set of instructional services or a fully developed curriculum or other supplementary services.

“*English as a second language*” refers to a structured language acquisition program designed to teach English to students whose native language is other than English, until the student demonstrates a functional ability to speak, read, write, and listen to English language at the age- and grade-appropriate level.

“*English learner*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 280.4(1)“b.”

“*Fully English proficient*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 280.4(1)“b.”

“*Intensive student*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 280.4(1)“b.”

“*Intermediate student*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 280.4(1)“b.”

“*Research-based*” means based on a body of research showing that the educational and instructional model, or other educational practice, has a high likelihood of improving teaching and learning. To determine whether research meets this standard for purposes of this chapter, research reports are reviewed for the following:

1. The specific population studied;
2. Research that involves the application of rigorous, systematic, and objective procedures to obtain reliable results and provide a basis for valid inferences relevant to education activities and programs;
3. Whether the research employs systematic, empirical methods that draw on observation or experiment;
4. Reliance on measurement or observational methods that provide reliable and valid data;
5. Inclusion of rigorous data analyses that are adequate to test the stated hypotheses and justify the general conclusions or inferences drawn;
6. Description of the magnitude of the impact on student learning results; and
7. Inclusion of the level of the review of the study.

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